

LESSON 4 - THE GREAT FLOOD ON THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE

Genesis 6 - 8

THEME: *To show the security of believers in Christ.*

Have you ever experienced a flood? When the rains are heavy and the rivers overflow, we call it a flood. When we hear of a flood, we know it is a terrible time for those people who must endure it.

In our lesson about Enoch we found that God's way was above. Now we will see that God's path is in great waters. Psalms 77:19. At times God's path will change when we come to a turn in the road. Therefore, we need to keep very close to Him and His Word as we walk *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*.

One chorus says: "Some through the water, some through the flood, some through the fire, but all through the blood; some through great sorrow but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long." Today we are coming to the Great Flood over the highway.

After Enoch was caught up to Heaven the people became more and more wicked. Satan was busy leading men in his way and trying to keep God from bringing forth the Redeemer promised in Genesis 3:15. The good and evil were all mixed together and there was only evil continually.

God declared: "I will destroy man whom I have created." Genesis 6:7.

The Bible says that in the midst of all the sin there is one man who walked with God. His name is Noah. He had not intermarried with the wicked, neither had his children. He walked in the way of faith and found grace with God. Genesis 6:8

Noah is a good man and God tells him to make an ark which is a very large, floating boat. Noah obeys God even though he has never seen rain or flood. According to Genesis 2:6, only a mist was used to water the earth until this time. Now Noah, the old man 600 years old, starts building the ark far from the sea. He witnesses to all the wicked people while he is building. No doubt, even the carpenters who help Noah mock his preaching about a coming flood when they have never seen rain!

At last the ark is finished and God says to Noah: "Come, you and all your family into the ark." Then the Lord shuts them in. Genesis 7:16. The one door is closed with Noah and his family safely inside. Now comes the great rain. Genesis 7:17-24. God does not forget Noah. Genesis 8:1-14. Everyone outside the ark perishes. Only those inside the ark are safe. The ark floats safely on top of the flood waters. The rains continue 40 days and 40 nights but still the ark is safe.

A year before God had said, "Come in," He now says, "Come out." What does Noah do as soon as they are outside the ark, on dry land? He builds an altar and worships God. We note that he does not worship the ark. Genesis 8:20. At this time God makes the rainbow as a sign that He will not destroy the world again with a flood. Genesis 9:9-17. We may have floods in many countries in the world today, but never again will God cover the entire earth with a destroying flood as He did in the days of Noah.

Noah and the ark show us the Scriptural meanings of *SAVED & LOST*:

1. Outside the ark Noah would have been lost. Inside the ark he was saved.
2. The ark was made of gopher wood and covered with pitch to seal it. The pitch kept out the waters and kept Noah safe. It is a beautiful picture or type of the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Trees gave life to make the ark. Christ gave His body by death in order to save us from the judgment of sin.
4. There was only one door in the side of the ark, and all had to enter through that door. The side of Christ was pierced that all might enter into eternal life in Him.
5. As the ark was baptized in the waters of judgment, so Christ was baptized for us in His death. 1 Peter 3:18-21.

We have learned about the great flood which took away all the wicked people in judgment. God's book, the Bible, says there is another judgment coming on the earth. Are you safe in Christ today? Jesus Christ is saying: "Come to Me, I will keep you safe. I loved you and died for your sins. I will keep you all the way on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* and take you home to dwell with Me forever in glory."

Jesus Christ is the Ark and He is also the Door. He says: "I am the Door, by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9. Will you enter? Will you come to Him today?

MEMORY VERSE: "I am the door; by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9.

LESSON 4 - WORK SHEET

Fill in the spaces in the following statements:

1. God saw that the _____ of man was great. Genesis 6:5.
2. God said, "I will _____ whom I have created." Genesis 6:7.
3. But Noah found _____ in the eyes of the Lord. Genesis 6:8.
4. Noah was a _____ man and _____ in his generations. Genesis 6:9.
5. God told Noah to make _____ of gopher /cyprus wood. Genesis 6:14.
6. God told Noah to bring clean animals for sacrifice by _____ of each kind, and to bring unclean animals by _____ of each kind, male and female. Genesis 7:2-3.
7. When Noah and his family were safely in the ark, the Lord _____ . Genesis 7:16.
8. After the flood Noah built _____ and offered _____. Genesis 8:20.
9. Judgment for sin is coming upon our world one day, but we need not fear if our life is _____. Colossians 3:3.
10. The ark had only one door by which Noah and his family could enter into safety. There is only one door by which we may enter into the presence of God. The Lord Jesus Christ is that Door.

Draw a picture of a door, and beside it write the MEMORY VERSE John 10:9 from memory.